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*Washington, June 27, 1891.*

*Sereno Watson, Esq.,  
Herbarium of Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.*

*My dear Mr. Watson:*

*I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 17. I should have written to you in reply before now but for the fact that I find it necessary to delay still longer the consideration of your proposition in regard to the disposition of the Ball Herbarium. The matter is an exceedingly important one, and before taking action I wish to consult with others who are at the present time absent from Washington.*

*In regard to the specimens of *Mais de coyote* from Mexico, I am unable to find any record of them. We have received a great many Mexican plants from*

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*Washington,*

*Prof. Dugès, but the records of the Department of Botany fail to discover any specimens of this species of maize.*

*I am very much obliged to you for sending me a copy of Prof. Trelease's letter.*

*Yours truly,*

*S. P. Langley*

*Secretary.*